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Sir:

It is hereby requested that the period for responding to the outstanding Office Action be extended three months from September 30, 2003 to March 30, 2003

The petition fee (37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)) is believed to be \$840.00 (\$950.00 minus the one month extension fee, \$110.00, which was already paid with the Response to the Final Office Action dated January 29, 2004) for a three-month extension for a large entity. Fee payment should be charged to our **Deposit Account No. 08-3038**.

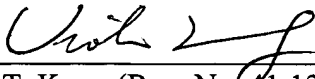
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The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. **08-3038** referencing docket number **12665.0009.CNUS01**. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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